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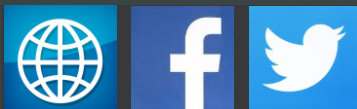
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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

Upcoming Felony Trials

The trial of **People vs. Timothy Brown** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, Deputy Chief of the Special Victim Unit.

Timothy Brown is charged with two counts of Murder in the 1st Degree, two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Morrison.

The trial of **People vs. Jamila Evans** will continue into next week. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kelly Pettrone, of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau.

Jamila Evans is charged with Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, Vehicular Manslaughter in the 2nd Degree, two counts of Driving While Intoxicated, Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs, and Driving While Ability Impaired by the Combined Influence of Drugs or of Alcohol and any Drug or Drugs in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

June 12 – People vs. Patrel Babers, Anthony Smith, and Cincier Welch

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Hogestyn, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendants are charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

June 20 – People vs. Ronald Lagasse

This case is being prosecuted by Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley and Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in front Monroe County Court Judge Dollinger.

Homicide Update

So far in 2023:

City of Rochester Total:
19

Monroe County Total: 23

June 20 – People vs. Christopher Carlos Williams, Jr.

This case is being prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles and Assistant District Attorney Michelle Crowley, Chief of the Grand Jury/Attorney Training Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Murder in the 2nd Degree and four counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

June 20 – People vs. Trevor Smith

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Chief of the Public Integrity & Economic Crimes Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Monroe County Court Judge Vacca.

June 20 – People vs. James Claba Turner

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schiano, of the Youth Part/Major Felony Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Assault in the 2nd Degree and Resisting Arrest in front of Monroe County Court Judge Miller.

June 20 – People vs. Raymond Brock

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Bridget Morgan, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Moran.

June 26 – People vs. Cordale Brooks

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Renzi.

June 26 – People vs. David Lofton

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Ralph Alloco, of the Special Victims Unit.

The defendant is charged with four counts of Predatory Sexual Assault in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Argento.

July 5 – People vs. Ronald Dent

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephen Ryck, of the Special Investigations Bureau and Assistant District Attorney Robin Catalano, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

The defendant is charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Doran.

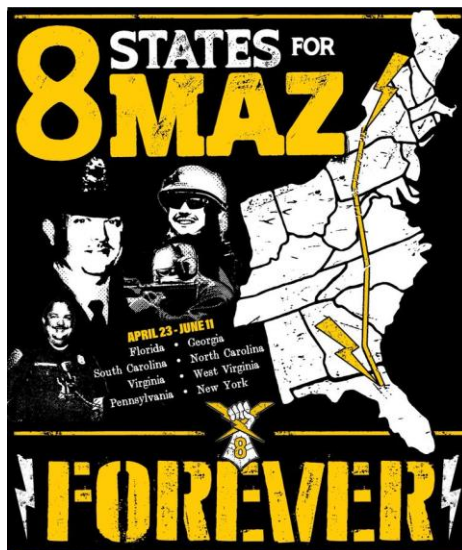
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Sunday is 8 States for Maz!

I know over the past months, many of you have been following Sgt. Brett Sobieraski (Ret.) and his mission to honor fallen Officer Anthony “Maz” Mazurkiewicz. In two days, Sunday June 11, is the final 3 miles here in Rochester! This event will meet Brett at Genesee Waterways Center to do his final 3 miles with him to the finish line of his 25.2 mile/day journey.

Beginning last month, April 23, Brett began running a marathon a day, starting in Florida through 8 states finishing at the Fallen Officer Memorial in Rochester, NY on June 11th. A total distance of 1258 miles will be run. The mission of “8 States for Maz” is to honor Maz’s sacrifice and raise money for his family. All donations will be turned over to the Mazurkiewicz family. If you want to join Brett, staff from my office, and many members of our community, for the last three miles on June 11, you can register below and meet at Genesee Valley Park.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Rochester/8StatesforMaz>



MCDA in the Community

Assistant District Attorney Raymond Benitez, Chief of the Vehicular Crimes Bureau attended the annual DWI Reenactment for Rush Henrietta High School.

In preparation for prom, this event reminds the seniors at Rush Henrietta High School the dangers of driving while under the influence. Programs like these are important to have serve as a reminder for the young people in our community of the dangers connected to committing DWI or DWAI Drugs. Always remember, if you feel different, you drive different! To everyone who will be celebrating this weekend, be safe and have fun.



Highlights from the MCDA's Office

33-year-old **Melvin Lugo** was convicted by a jury of Driving While Ability Impaired by Drugs. On December 28, 2022, Melvin Lugo was found to be under the influence of drugs during a traffic stop. This case was investigated by the Rochester Police Department. Melvin Lugo will be sentenced on August 9, 2023, in front of Rochester City Court Judge Grippe. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Armando Benitez, of the Local Courts Bureau.

30-year-old **Taylor Finnin** pled guilty to Robbery in the 2nd Degree for the carjacking on January 1, 2023 in the Town of Irondequoit. He will be sentenced on July 12, 2023, in front of Monroe County Court Judge Dinolfo. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Aliyah Fowler, of the Major Felony Bureau.

23-year-old **Matthew Perez** was sentenced by New York State Supreme Court Justice Schiano to 5 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. Matthew Perez previously pled guilty to the top count of the indictment, Robbery in the 1st Degree, for the knifepoint robbery of a University of Rochester student on July 21, 2022. This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Camille Ingino, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Joshua Rodriguez was arraigned in Rochester City Court on Murder in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in front of Rochester City Court Judge Dixon in relation to the shooting death of 22-year-old Roje Lowry. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Buckley, Chief of the Local Courts Bureau.

MCDA in the News

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/06/06/joshua-rodriguez-charged-in-death-of-roje-lowry-in-rochester-ny/70292652007/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/arrest-made-for-shooting-death-in-van-auker-st-high-rise>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/content/2023-06-06-rochester-man-charged-in-high-rise-homicide/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/teen-person-of-interest-in-12-year-old-rochester-boys-death-arrested-for-pa-homicide-lebanon-james-fernandez-reyes-juan-lopez>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/person-of-interest-in-rochester-murder-arrested-for-homicide-in-pa/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/retired-rpd-sergeant-back-in-wny-nearing-end-of-8-states-for-maz-journey-brett-sobieraski-anthony-mazurkiewicz-rochester-police-department-marathon-batavia#>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2023/06/05/james-fernandez-reyes-charged-pennsylvania-triple-homicide-linked-to-rochester-ny-murder-juan-lopez/70291269007/>

<https://wham1180.iheart.com/alternate/amp/2023-06-06-rochester-man-charged-in-high-rise-homicide/>



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